

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
Jan. 18, 1917.—Last twenty-
four hours' rainfall, .35.
Temperature, Min. 66; Max.
74. Weather, cloudy.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS
Cents Dollars
90° Centrifugal N. Y. per lb. per ton
Price, Hawaiian basis 5.205 \$104.10
Last previous quoti- 5.27 \$106.40
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MILITIA READY FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE SAYS GENERAL O'RYAN

Commander of National Guard of
New York State Called As Wit-
ness Before House Committee
Probing Compulsory Measure

BLAMES WAR DEPARTMENT FOR TROUBLES OF GUARD

Declares That Regular Establish-
ment Hindered Instead of Help-
ed the Citizen Soldiers When
Latter Were Ordered To Border

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 19—
All the blame for what de-
lay there was in mobilizing the na-
tional guard on the Mexican bor-
der, following the call of the Pres-
ident last June, belongs to the war
department, according to testimony
given yesterday before the senate
subcommittee on military affairs by
Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, com-
manding the New York division of
national guard.

The subcommittee was conduct-
ing a hearing on the Universal Ser-
vice Bill and had called General
O'Ryan last week to testify concern-
ing the status of the guard and the ef-
fect of the measure passed last
June.

General O'Ryan to a large ex-
tent repeated what he has said in
other places, to the effect that the
war department has been guilty of
many of the failures which have
been attributed to the lack of or-
ganization of the national guard.
He declared that the guard had
done all and more than could be
expected of it, under the circum-
stances, but that it had met with
little assistance from the regular
establishment, and a great deal of
hampering from officials who
should have given every aid
in their power.

Asked by members of the com-
mittee what is the attitude of the
guard throughout the Empire State
toward the proposal that the United
States shall adopt a system of
compulsory service, General O'-
Ryan said that for the most part it
is favorable.

He intimated that the guard
commanders, not only of New
York but of other states as well,
feel that the guard has been given
a thorough tryout and that it has
not proved satisfactory in many re-
spects. He added that both officers
and men of the organized militia
are of the opinion that they have
done their share, but that the other
men who have stayed at home and
taken advantage of the protection
afforded by the guard to continue
their money making work, have
not, and that in future the able
bodied males of the country should
be bound to do their full duty.

WASHINGTON, January 19—
Reports are rife along the border
that the national guard regiments
now on duty there will be with-
drawn within five days, sent
home and mustered out of the
federal service. Efforts to dis-
cover whether there is any truth
back of this report failed to elicit
anything definite yesterday.

There is, however, every indica-
tion that the guard will be with-
drawn soon. It is regarded as
practically certain here that Gen-
eral Pershing's men will be re-
called in the near future and that
they will take the places left vac-
ant by the guardsmen on the
border line.

HINTS more or less vague that the Central Powers are planning to launch an attack upon the right flank of the French army in Alsace, by violating the neutrality of Switzerland as they did that of Belgium, have been coming from Austrian sources through London of late. Should the general staffs of Vienna and Berlin try any such move they will find a different kind of a nut to crack than they discovered when they entered Belgium. The mountains of Switzerland would fight for her as the picture below shows. This gives a vivid idea of the terrain in which any campaign in the little mountain republic would have to be waged. It was taken in the foot hills of the Alps where they cross the line into Alsace, and shows the French mountaineer infantry at work clearing a trench of the Germans it had contained.



SWITZERLAND THREATENED WITH INVASION BY CENTRAL POWERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 19—Switzerland
is on the verge of being drawn into the
war, according to statements made in
the carefully censored press of the lit-
tle mountain republic, which reached
here yesterday.

For some days the papers of Vienna
and Budapest have been discussing the
possibility of one side or the other in-
vading Switzerland, and most of them
agreed that such a move would be a
profitless one for the French. Most of
them also agreed with the theory that
such a move could not fail to benefit

the cause of the Central Powers, which,
could their troops once win through the
mountains of the republic, would find
themselves able to flank the French
troops now holding portions of Alsace.
The Swiss papers have now taken up
this matter, and yesterday the Ex-
change Telegraph announced that the
Germans are concentrating large bodies
of troops in the vicinity of Basel. It
also announced that the Swiss general
staff has admitted that an invasion of
the republic is a real menace, which
the German general staff is contem-
plating with the idea of freeing Alsace
from the French.

PRESIDENT PROMOTES MORE NAVAL OFFICERS

Doctors Grayson and Braisted
Are Named Rear Admirals

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 19—Presi-
dent Wilson yesterday sent to the sen-
ate the names of the naval officers
selected by the promotion board for the
rank of rear admiral, the recommenda-
tions of the board being accepted with-
out qualification.

A number of new positions in the
navy, carrying the rank of rear ad-
miral, were created by congress in its
last session, and promotions to fill these
new positions were announced in the
President's list.

Doctors Grayson and Braisted are to
be medical directors with the rank of
rear admiral; Chief Constructor David
W. Taylor is to be constructor in spec-
ial, with the rank of rear admiral, and
Paymaster General Samuel McGowan
is to be pay director, with the rank of
rear admiral.

Bank of England Cuts Down Discount Rate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 18—The Bank
of England discount rate was lower-
ed today from 6 to 5 1/2 per cent.
This action is regarded as proof that
the gold situation and foreign ex-
changes are well in hand.

VETERAN OF NAVY HEARS LAST CALL

Survivor of Crew of Constitution
Dies As Rear Admiral, Aged
More Than Ninety

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 19—The
oldest veteran of the Navy, Rear Ad-
miral James Horatio Watmough, who
saw active service as a midshipman
aboard the U. S. Frigate Constitution
and who was the last survivor of the
crew which fought that historic ship,
died at his home here last night. He
was ninety-five years old.

Admiral Watmough was born in
Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania, in 1822,
and entered the Navy as acting mid-
shipman in 1842. He served during
the Mexican War and took part in the
capture of California, being credited
with being the man who raised the
first American flag in that State. His
ship took part in the bombardment and
capture of Guaymas.

He was promoted from midshipman
to paymaster and then back to the line,
becoming commander in turn of the
U. S. S. Santa Clara and the U. S. S.
Don Jose. In 1860 he was made fleet
paymaster of the Atlantic Squadron,
serving in actions on Stone River and
on James and John islands. He later
became general pay inspector and pay-
master general.

He retired on July 30, 1884, with the
rank of rear admiral.

FLEET AT ST. THOMAS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ST. THOMAS, West Indies, January
19—The arrival of an American fleet
of battleships and cruisers, on the way
to Guantanamo, Cuba for battle practice
caused intense excitement here yester-
day.

PORTLAND TEAM MAY COME TO HONOLULU FOR SPRING WORK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PORTLAND, January 19—The
Portland baseball players will go
to Honolulu for their spring train-
ing if guarantees can be obtained
from the transportation companies
that the players will be given steam-
er accommodations back to the
Coast when the training season is
over.

This was the definite announce-
ment made last night by Manager
McCreddie, who stated that the idea
of training at Stockton will be
abandoned in favor of the Hawai-
ian capital if the necessary steam-
ship reservations can be made.
Nothing now will prevent the Hono-
lulu trip except the matter of trans-
portation arrangements.

MUNITION AWARD MAKES SOLON MAD

St. Louis Congress Wants To Bar
Foreign Bidders In Future

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 19—The
awarding of a navy department con-
tract to Hatfield of Sheffield, a British
corporation, whose bid for armor pier-
cing shells beat all the American bids,
both for price and time of delivery, has
aroused opposition in congress against
allowing any government contract for
supplies to be awarded to any foreign
firm. A resolution, designed to make
such foreign contracts illegal, has been
introduced into the house by Represen-
tative Kadenburg, of St. Louis, Illinois,
who announces that he will press the
matter.

STILL HUNT AVIATORS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CALEXICO, California, January 18—
Heavy and cold rains have interrupt-
ed the work of the military aviators
who are searching for their comrades,
Bishop and Robertson, believed to be
somewhere in the Sonora desert. Two
additional aeroplanes arrived today
from the aviation school at San Diego
and will start south when the weather
clears. Autos with rescue parties have
been stalled hub deep in the mud.

LIFE OF PRESIDENT DECLARED AIM OF ANARCHIST PLOTTERS ON COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, January 18—Dec-
larations that President Wilson's life
has been threatened by a band of anar-
chists, who plotted the assassination of
the President as one method of stop-
ping "preparedness," featured the
trial today of Thomas J. Mooney,
charged with being a ringleader in the
dynamiting during the "preparedness
parade" here last July.

The declarations were made by As-
sistant District Attorney Cunha, in the
course of a selection of the jury, which
is proving a difficult task. Cunha was
one of the party of officials which
raided the offices of The Blast, pub-
lished by Alexander Berkman, and the
prosecution charges that Berkman and
Mooney are members of the anarchistic
organization. Cunha seized papers and

letters at the office of The Blast which,
he said, proved the character of the
men.

Today Cunha told the court that
Mooney is a leader with Berkman of
"The Blasters," an anarchistic orga-
nization. "We will prove," he said,
"that their purpose is to overturn and
stop preparedness."

He quoted an article from Berkman's
paper, in substance, that it wished to
"warn the weathercock of the White
House that his course may prove un-
safe, and that suppression of the voice
of discontent leads to assassination."

He read another protest against al-
leged "federal suppression of free
speech."

The Mooney jury was completed to-
day when the thirteenth juror was
sworn in.

GERARD EXPLAINS WILLING TO QUIT

Sends His Account of Address In
Berlin, As Asked By Presi-
dent Wilson

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 18—A report has
reached here indirectly from Berlin
that James Gerard, United States am-
bassador at Berlin, has offered to re-
sign if President Wilson disapproves
the speech he made in Berlin at the
banquet tendered him after his return
from his recent trip to Washington.

The report is that Gerard's speech
contained a statement that relations
between the United States and Ger-
many had never been better since the
outbreak of the war, and that it re-
mained with Germany to continue
them so.

After the report of the statement
was cable to the United States, the
President was said to have asked Mr.
Gerard what he said.

It is now reported that Gerard sent
a cablegram in explanation and added
that he would offer his resignation if
the explanation should prove unsatis-
factory.

POLISH RULER NAMED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 18—A despatch
to the Central News Agency, reported
here and dated in Warsaw, says that
Kaiser Wilhelm has appointed Prince
Vaclaw von Niemcewicz as viceroy of
Poland.

NATION'S PROFLIGACY CAUSE OF HUGE WASTE

Real Conservation Would Be To
Stop This, Declares Solon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 19—The
United States does not need a conser-
ving of its resources through a prohibi-
tion of exports so much as a conser-
ing of its resources now used up in the
pursuit of prodigal pleasures, in the
opinion of Senator McCumber of North
Dakota.

Senator McCumber, in the course of
an address yesterday in opposition to
the proposed embargo on the export of
wood products, condemned the pro-
fligacy and extravagance of Americans
in their pursuit of pleasure. He cited
figures to show that Americans are
now spending annually \$13,000,000,000
on intoxicants, tobaccos, automobiles
and other forms of amusement.

Would Rechristen New Isles "Dewey Islands"

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 18—A
bill to name the newly-acquired
Danish West Indies "Dewey Is-
lands" in honor of the late Admiral
Dewey was introduced in the house
today.

RUSSIANS AND RUMANIANS IN FIERCE FIGHT HALT RETREAT

Compel von Mackensen's Troops
To Fall Back In Some Sectors
of the Long Battle Lines, and
Repulse Their Futile Attacks

BERLIN ADMITS FOES ARE NOW ON OFFENSIVE

German Staff Also Announces
Success of Allied Attacks North
of the River Somme, Where
Teutons Evacuated Positions

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, January 19—
The German-Austrian offen-
sive in Rumania has at last been
brought to a halt by the Russian
and Rumanian forces, which have
finally taken up a position along
the banks of the Sereth river, too
strong for immediate frontal as-
sault.

Von Mackensen yesterday noti-
fied Berlin that the Russians have
stopped retreating and have as-
sumed the offensive themselves,
after their long retreat. He also
reported that enormous reinforce-
ments have been sent from Petro-
grad to assist in holding the new
line, which protects Bessarabia
and the great grain provinces of
Southern Russia.

The Rumanians are also report-
ed to have been reorganized and
reinforced by regiments of Russian
cavalry and artillery. This last
weapon is what they have lacked
since their campaign began, and it
has taken months to supply their
needs. It is said now however that
quantities of shells and canon of
all calibre are being rushed to the
Rumanian front from Russia. It
is known also that Rumanian
agents have been in Japan for some
months past, making arrangement
with that government for shipping
large quantities of all sorts of war
supplies to the harried Rumanian
armies.

Berlin in the official report of
the fighting on the eastern front
yesterday says that "only by
means of a surprise attack could
the forces under the command of
Field Marshal von Mackensen
proceed." They carried out such
an attack between the Sutchitza
and the Putnava valleys.

South of the Oltuz Road, how-
ever, the Russians launched a
number of assaults upon the Ger-
mans which compelled them to
fall back, although Berlin says
that most of the attacks were re-
pulsed.

South of Monstar the Russians
and Rumanians acting in concert
broke down utterly a fierce as-
sault delivered in large numbers
by the Teuton allies, and south-
west of Pralea succeeded in sur-
rounding and capturing a number
of Teutonic prisoners.

The Slav gunners are now bom-
barding Isakoha, and the gunners
of the Bulgars are using their
field pieces and larger guns with
effect against the shipping, Rus-
sian and Rumanian, that is lying
in the neighborhood of Galatz.

In the west the situation is not
much changed although Berlin ad-
mits the evacuation of German po-
sitions near Serre, on the Somme.

A British attack at Loos was
repulsed after violent fighting, ac-
cording to the German official
statement.